

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A video recording system for recording and playing video programming, the video recording system comprising:
  - a housing;
  - at least one memory storage device for storing video programming, each memory storage device being mounted within the housing;
  - an internet connection for connecting the memory storage device to the internet;
  - and
  - downloading means for downloading video programming through the internet connection and storing the downloaded video programming on the memory storage device.
2. The video recording system of claim 1 and further comprising:
  - recording means for recording broadcast programming onto the memory storage device, the broadcast programming selected from the group consisting of television broadcasts, cable television input, and satellite input.
3. The video recording system of claim 1 and further comprising:
  - a button mounted to the housing for activating the internet connection and connecting to any predetermined internet site.
4. The video recording system of claim 1 wherein the downloading means comprises software and firmware for converting analog signals to digital format and encoding and decoding means for authorizing downloading from predetermined internet sites.

5. The device of claim 1 and further comprising:  
a read/write removable media drive that is selected from the group consisting of a read/write CD drive, a read/write mini-disc drive, a floppy disc drive, and a read/write DVD drive, and further wherein the read/write removable media is selected from the group consisting of a read/write CD, a read/write mini-disc, a floppy disc, and a read/write DVD.
6. The device of claim 5 and further comprising:  
means for recording from the memory storage device to the read/write removable media.
7. The video recording system of claim 1 and further comprising:  
temporary storage means within the housing for allowing recording of at least one input or channel while playing another input or channel.
8. The video recording system of claim 1 and further comprising:  
an external remote control device for controlling the operations of the video recording system.
9. The video recording system of claim 1 and further comprising:  
a data jack for connecting the memory storage device and read/write removable drive to the internet.
10. A method of downloading video programming with a video recording system of claim 1.
11. A device for recording video programming, the device comprising:  
a read/write removable media drive;

read/write removable media receivable within the read/write removable media drive;  
an internet connection for connecting the read/write removable media drive to the internet; and  
downloading means for downloading video programming from the internet and storing the downloaded video programming on the read/write removable media.

12. The device of claim 11 and further comprising:  
means for recording broadcast programming of television broadcasts, cable television input, and satellite input onto the read/write removable media.
13. The device of claim 11 wherein the read/write removable media drive is selected from the group consisting of a read/write CD drive, a read/write mini-disc drive, a floppy disc drive, and a read/write DVD drive, and further wherein the read/write removable media is selected from the group consisting of a read/write CD, a read/write mini-disc, a floppy disc, and a read/write DVD
14. The device of claim 11 and further comprising:  
at least one memory storage device for storing video programming downloadable through the internet; and  
means for transferring video programming between read/write removable media within the read/write removable media drive and the memory storage device.
15. The device of claim 14 and further comprising:  
recording means for recording broadcast programming onto the memory storage device, the broadcast programming selected from the group consisting of television broadcasts, cable television input, and satellite input.

16. The device of claim 14 and further comprising:  
means for recording to the memory storage device first and then transferring the  
recorded programming to the read/write removable media.
17. The device of claim 14 and further comprising:  
means for recording to the read/write removable media first and then transferring  
the recorded programming to the memory storage device.
18. The device of claim 11 and further comprising:  
a data jack for connecting the memory storage device and read/write removable  
drive to the internet.
19. The device of claim 11 wherein the downloading means comprises software and  
firmware for converting analog signal to digital format and encoding and decoding means  
for authorizing downloading from predetermined internet sites and transferring between  
the memory storage device and the read/write removable drive.
20. The device of claim 11 and further comprising:  
temporary storage means for recording of at least one input or channel while  
playing another input or channel.
21. A method for recording video programming with the device of claim 11.
22. A method for downloading video programming from any external internet  
location, the method comprising:  
providing a data storage device;  
connecting the storage device to the external internet location;  
encoding and decoding information from the external internet location;

downloading the video programming;  
storing the video programming on the data storage device; and  
playing the stored video programming on a television.

23. The method of claim 22 and further comprising:  
receiving television, cable, satellite, or other broadcasts;  
digitizing the broadcasts; and  
recording the broadcasts on the data storage device.
24. The method of claim 22 and further comprising:  
transferring the downloaded video programming to a read/write removable media.
25. The method of claim 22 and further comprising:  
transferring the downloaded video programming to a memory storage device.
26. The method of claim 22 and further comprising:  
temporarily storing the downloaded video programming prior to the storing of the  
downloaded video programming on the storage device.